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SUBJ: PETROLEUM COKE CALCINER TECHNOLOGY

REF: T.E. BURKE TELEX OF 9 MAY, LETTER APRIL 30 TO
RICHARD SCISSORS

1. UXINEXPORTIMPORT IS A STATE FOREIGN TRADING COMPANY WHICH HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COMPLETE FACTORY INSTALLATIONS IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS, INCLUDING LICENSES AND TECHNOLOGY, AND IS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY MACHINE BUILDING. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PLANT IN SLATINA, WE ARE SURE THAT IT WOULD BE WHOLLY STATE-OWNED AND OPERATED BY A MINISTRY, AS JOINT VENTURES WITH FOREIGN CAPITAL ARE STILL A NOVELTY HERE. IF UZINEXPORT IS SELLING THE TECHNOLOGY OVERSEAS NO DOUBT THEY BELIEVE ROMANIA HAS A CLAIM TO IT.

2. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO OBTAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY USED IN SLATINA IF IT CAME THROUGH A NON-US SOURCE. THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT SELDOM PROVIDES SUCH INFORMATION EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THEIR CLAIM
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TO IT. IF THEY KNOW OF OR SUSPECT A LEGAL CHALLENGE, IT

COULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. WE'LL DO OUR BEST, BUT WILL
HAVE TO BE DISCREET AND IT WOULD HELP IF YOU CAN TELL US
A BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR. COULD THE CALCINER
IN SLATINA HAVE BEEN BUILT ON THE BASIS OF YOUR PROPOSALS
TO ROMCHIM ALONE? WERE THEY SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO ENABLE
THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA TO EXPORT THE TECHNOLOGY? WHAT
ARE THE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS USED FOR? I ASSUME YOU DO
NOT INTEND FOR US TO MAKE A FORMAL APPROACH AT THIS POINT?

3. PLEASE SEND ANY FURTHER TELEX MESSAGES TO US THROUGH
DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR DEPT. OF COMMERCE CHANNELS,
AS COMMERCIAL TELEX IN ROMANIA IS NOT SECURE (THIS TELEX
IS BEING FORWARDED FROM WASHINGTON). REFERENCES TO "COMMERCIAL
INTELLIGENCE" IMPLY A VIOLATION OF STATE SECRETS HERE,
ESPECIALLY WHERE THEY REFER TO INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY.
REGARDS, HENRY CLARKE, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.
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